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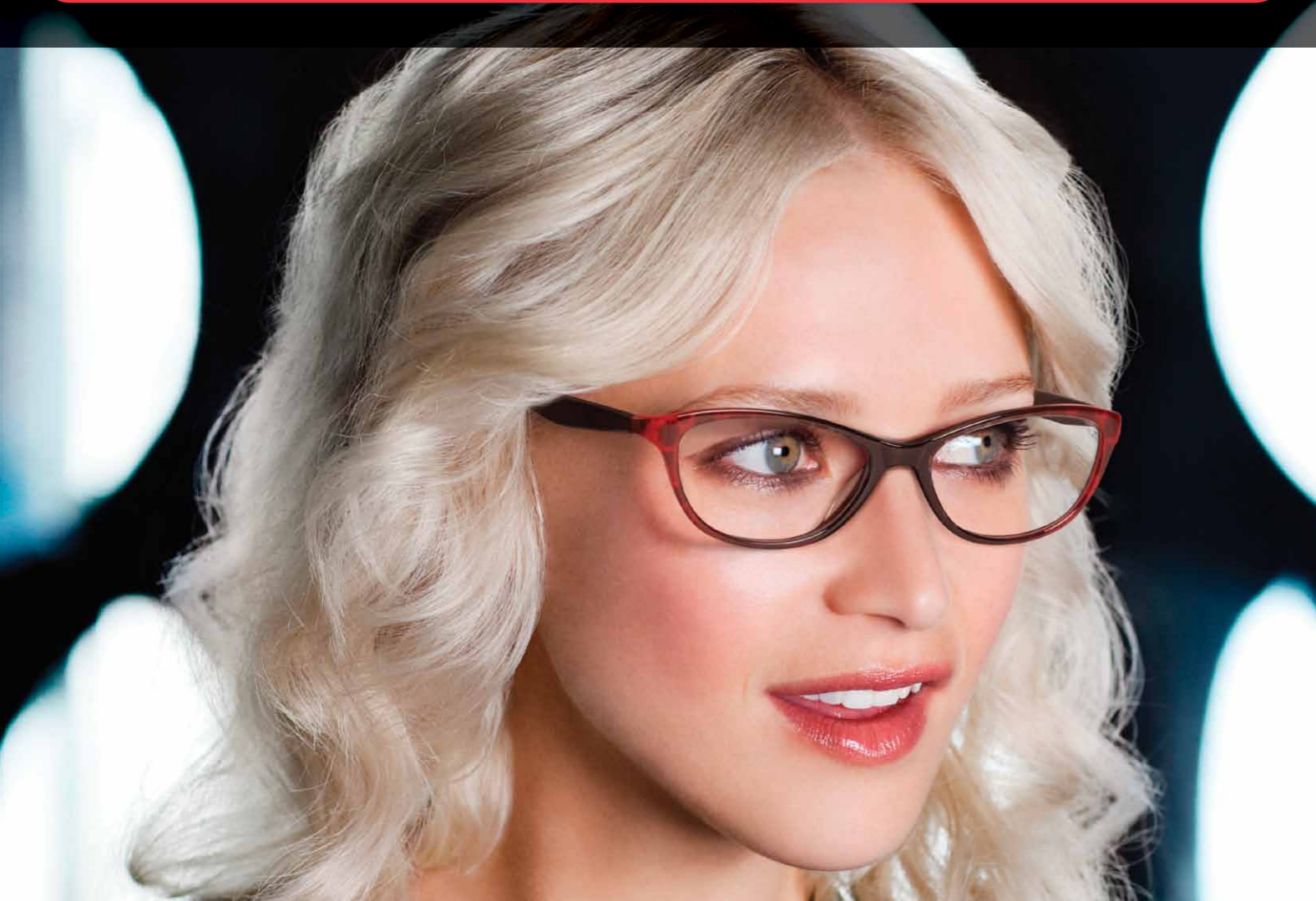
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OPENING UP

Welcome to the Spring edition of Outright.

With the off season behind us we now look forward to a summer full of cricket. The Blackcaps have enjoyed a much needed break over recent months after the tours to England, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

While in England it was great to see so many of the players supporting Hamish Marshall in his testimonial year with Gloucestershire. Hamish has been a tremendous servant to the county since transferring from New Zealand shores and it was great to see him and his team mates (including Kieran Noema-Barnett and James Fuller) enjoy success at Lords in the one day competition.

Congratulations to Jeetan Patel who was recognised for his continued form with Warwickshire CCC by being named in the Professional Cricketers Association team of the year.

Back in New Zealand we have spent the first few weeks of the 2015/16 contract period meeting with domestic players and the Blackcaps squad, while also completing the 3rd induction forum in Auckland. These meetings are invaluable as everyone prepares for an extremely busy summer ahead.

It has been great to see Hooked on Cricket

continuing its success in its 10th year and we thank the Queen Street Cricket Club for their tremendous support.

We now look forward to a busy season and the continued growth of services we provide to NZCPA members, particularly in off field personal development and career transition.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Outright and importantly look forward to following the performances of our members during the winter, and in particular the BLACKCAPS and White Ferns tours.

Best Wishes
Heath Mills



The White Ferns celebrate T20 series victory at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore

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Past Player Feature - Peter Ingram

By Margot Butcher



If ever there was a salutary story about not knowing what to expect from life after cricket, this might be it. Three years after hanging up his potent bat for the Stags, Peter Ingram was feeding out to the 80 cattle on his small Taranaki farm one day when he drove over a cliff.

“My dog was bringing my cattle into the paddock and I thought I was driving to the middle of the paddock, but I wasn’t watching where I was going. I wasn’t in a rush. It was a beautiful day. It had been raining all week so I was just enjoying what I was doing and yelling at the dog, and honestly, I’ve just driven off a cliff. It was that stupid.”

The cliff was near-vertical, the tractor weighed five tons. “I’ve realised that I’m in the crap here, so I’ve tried to steer the tractor so that it doesn’t roll over. I’ve done that — got it pointed straight down a steep decline, I’ve jumped off, I’ve landed about 30 metres down in this tiny dip in the side of the hill — and then the tractor’s run me over and pushed me into the dirt.”

Had it not been for all the heavy rain in the preceding days, Ingram’s under no illusion where he’d be now, “but because the dirt was so soft, it pushed me in, rather than squashing me. I was so lucky.”

He says that a few times — “Life’s good.” He teaches engineering at Waitara High School — he’s taught full-time for the last 17 years, even when called up to play two Tests, eight ODIs and two Twenty20s for the BLACKCAPS in 2010. “And I really love it.”

He and his wife are expecting their third child, two boys already in primary school and they are the first people he thought of after the accident. “I thought I was gonna die. I was buggered. I’d broken a couple of vertebrae. My pelvis was crushed. I dislocated my right knee, so I had to pop that back into place. I just thought about the boys because they were up the front of the farm: ‘I’ve got to get to the boys.’ Somehow I climbed back up the and I got an almighty shock when I grabbed onto the electric fence trying to pull myself over the last bit. It took me

about an hour to walk 600 metres to the middle of the farm. From here I knew I could yell out to the boys, thankfully they heard me and called the neighbours. I had to get pick up by a helicopter.”

After a decade packed with 189 games and 20 tons across all formats for the itinerant Stags, retirement was always going to be a big adjustment for the hard-hitting top order man. After all, just about every home game for the Stags is an away game for more than half the team. “If I was living in Wellington or Auckland, I probably would have played until my late 30s,” he says — he’s 37 now. “But being away from family... I would only get 25 days at home over five months. It’s bloody hard on the wife and kids.”

It was bloody hard when he stopped, too. “It is a pretty tough transition, and some people can’t handle it. My wife and kids had to learn to put up with me, and I had to modify my behaviour because it wasn’t all just looking after myself in the hotel anymore.”

But his teaching career meant he had a routine ready and waiting to get stuck into. That helped. School had been pretty accommodating all those 17 years, so he made the effort to make sure he came back played for the Francis Douglas Memorial College and tried to lead by example, give back to the school, give back to Taranaki. He’s a director on the board of Taranaki Cricket and coaches his sons.

But he always loved the farm, too. “I grew up on a dairy farm, my parents are still dairy farmers. I love everything about farming, except for milking cows! I’ve just got 140 acres 25 minutes from town, it means I can both farm and teach which are the two things I love doing.”

ACC, he says, “was bloody fantastic through the whole thing. I got my knee reconstructed [both medial and posterior ligaments wrecked] and it’s been a long and slow road back, but it’s not bad to be back into light running now, nine months after the accident. And to be alive.”

Has his old cricket grit helped him through his recovery, or was it not even in the same league? “Nah, I’ve done that much training over my career that I know what works, so I’ve saved ACC some money in the gym there. The farm is my gym. I’ve got a few weights in the garage. You’ve just got to chip away and have things to look

forward to. I looked forward to getting back to school. My wife and I have moved an old 1935 house onto our farm, two storey. We’ve just moved in and so I was looking forward to be able to do that.”

The ingrained positive mindset of the top order batsman? “Yeah, nah... cricket’s pretty hard. More downs than ups, that’s for sure. I’ve got to keep chipping away, do my exercises and get stronger — then hopefully I will be able to play a little bit with my boys in a couple of years’ time.”

His boys are crazy about cricket, “fanatical. It’s so cool. Watching them watch the

Cricket World Cup — it’s what I used to be like. I still love cricket, but watching it... yeah, sort of.”

He caught up with his longtime batting buddy Jamie How for a beer recently. The two great CD powerhouses, back in the hut for good. “I had some amazing times with that man. It was awesome. But life is good. I’m busy. I’ve got my job, my farm, my family. I’m so lucky to be alive. There’s no way, after being run over by a five ton tractor, that I should be alive. But I am.”

He’s off to go set possum traps with the boys. ■



Courtesy of Photosport

Players Give Back To The Future



Courtesy of NZCPA



Courtesy of NZCPA

HOOKED ON CRICKET

With the domestic contracts starting a week earlier this year there was mad scramble to ensure the nationwide Hooked on Cricket tournaments could be slotted into an increasingly populated calendar.

The tenth edition of Hooked on Cricket marks a significant milestone for the development initiative that began with our members desire to promote the game in a way unique to them. Identifying low decile schools as participants is a point of difference with the Hooked on Cricket

programme and proves that interest in cricket is not limited to the traditional school networks.

Bairds Mainfreight School is situated in the heart of Otara and is one of the programme's many success stories. Starting from scratch, with no kids participating in cricket, the school now has three teams that compete in the local Papatoetoe competition, where they are the defending champions. Hooked on Cricket is a key pathway for the school as it exposes a new generation to the sport and helps to break down the many barriers to participation.

Current players have a strong desire to promote cricket to the future stars and Hooked on Cricket is an important programme, in that it provides them with a platform to promote the game. With a reach in excess of 1000 kids per year, Hooked on Cricket is not only important

to our members as way to give back to the game, but it is vital for the game to prosper in schools that are involved. The programme is having a positive effect on the kids and provides them with the inspiration to play cricket and an aspiration to be successful in sport.

Hooked on Cricket is supported by the Queen Street Cricket Club (QSCC) who made a significant grant that enables the programme to be the success that it is. The members of QSCC have a similar philosophy toward the promotion of cricket in low decile schools, which provides a natural fit for the objectives of both organisations - to assist those from non-traditional cricket schools and communities to learn about cricket and to help remove some of the barriers to participation.

This year we are excited to implement the QSCC Hooked on Cricket scholarship for

the first time. QSCC have donated \$5,000 toward the scholarship fund that will be used to help those from the Hooked on Cricket programme to participate in cricket. Scholarships may include participation fees, team gear, or individual items such as shoes or clothing. Without the QSCC Hooked on Cricket scholarship many of these enthusiastic young cricketers, through no fault of their own, would not be able to play cricket.

Ewen Thompson has been responsible for coordinating the coaching sessions in schools in the lead up to Hooked on Cricket Tournament days, as well as running the tournaments in each of the six regions. Our current playing members take a lead role during the tournaments as coaches to the teams and offer coaching tips throughout the day. ■

2015 HOOKED ON CRICKET TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

16th September	Dunedin
21st September	Wellington
23rd September	Auckland
21st October	Christchurch
29th October	Napier
November (TBA)	Rotorua*

*Postponed from September

Big Changes In Domestic Contracts

A significant reshuffle occurred in the 2015/16 domestic contract lists as a number of new players are ushered in. The depth of talent continues to develop at domestic level and with a number of player movements amongst teams proves that the contracting process is robust.

Eighteen players received domestic contracts for the first time, with Wellington leading the way with five freshly contracted players. Otago and Auckland each have three, while Canterbury, Central and Northern each had two new players.

A number of stalwarts will be absent from the domestic scene this year - in addition to Jamie How, Graeme Aldridge and Aaron Redmond who announced their retirement last year. James Franklin is still playing but has accepted a nationalised contract in the UK, playing for Middlesex. For fourteen years James McMillan has been in the Otago squad, but the 37 year old has decided to call time on his career that was thwarted by injury. Mark Gillespie, Andy McKay and Brad Scott have been part of the domestic fabric over the past decade and are also unlikely to be seen this summer.



Perhaps the biggest surprise was the omission of Carl Cachopa from the contract lists, who failed to settle after transferring back to Auckland last summer. Cachopa was considered a strong prospect for Blackcaps selection after performing well for NZ 'A' and the Stags prior to the shift north - but the 29 year old now finds himself in the cricketing wilderness and looking forward

to a career outside of the game. A number of experienced players transferred this summer with Neil Broom, Warren Barnes, Anaru Kitchen, and Brad Wilson heading for the Volts. Anurag Verma moves to the capital with the Firebirds, while cricketing globetrotter Jesse Ryder heads back to the Stags where his career started in 2002/03. ■

MAJOR ASSOCIATION PLAYER CONTRACTS

The six Major Associations named their respective list of contracted players. All the domestic contracts are for the period from the 24th September 2015 through until 8th April 2015.

AUCKLAND ACES

Bates, Michael	Guptill-Bunce, Michael	O'Donnell, Robert
Cachopa, Brad	Hicks, Shawn	Phillips, Glenn
de Grandhomme, Colin	Munro, Colin	Quinn, Matt
Ferguson, Lockie	Nethula, Tarun	Randell, Brett
Grobbelaar, Donovan	Nicol, Rob	Raval, Jeet

NORTHERN KNIGHTS

Andrews, Cody	Devcich, Anton	Kuggeleijn, Scott
Baker, James	Flynn, Daniel	Mitchell, Daryl
Boult, Jono	Goodin, Tony	Popli, Bharat
Brownlie, Dean	Hampton, Brett	Seifert, Tim
Carter, Joe	Hickey, Jono	Sodhi, Ish

CANTERBURY

Astle, Todd	Fletcher, Cameron	McConchie, Cole
Bennett, Hamish	Hira, Roneel	McCone, Ryan
Carter, Leo	Jamieson, Kyle	Nicholls, Henry
Ellis, Andrew	Johnston, Tim	Nuttall, Edward
Fulton, Peter	McClure, Ken	van Beek, Logan

OTAGO VOLTS

Barnes, Warren	de Boorder, Derek	Rae, Michael
Beard, Nic	Duffy, Jacob	Rutherford, Hamish
Blakely, Sam	Duffy, Ryan	Smith, Craig
Bracewell, Michael	Finnie, Josh	Wells, Sam
Broom, Neil	Kitchen, Anaru	Wilson, Brad

CENTRAL STAGS

Bruce, Tom	Patel, Ajaz	Smith, Ben
Cleaver, Dane	Rance, Seth	van Wyk, Kruger
Hay, Greg	Robinson, Dean	Wheeler, Ben
Kain, Marty	Ryder, Jesse	Worker, George
Mathieson, Andrew	Small, Bevan	Young, Will

WELLINGTON FIREBIRDS

Arnel, Brent	Hutchinson, Dane	Patel, Jeetan
Barnett, (BJ) Brady	McEwan, Matt	Pollard, Michael
Blundell, Tom	Murdoch, Stephen	Taylor, Matt
Day, Alec	Newton, Ollie	Verma, Anurag
Gibson, Jamie	Papps, Michael	Woodcock, Luke

New Zealand Cricket Player Contracts

BLACKCAPS

New Zealand Cricket named their list of twenty contracted players. The Blackcaps player contracts are for the period from the 1st August 2014 through until 31st July 2015.

Anderson, Corey	Northern Knights	McCullum, Nathan	Otago Volts
Bracewell, Doug	Central Stags	Milne, Adam	Central Stags
Boult, Trent	Northern Knights	Neesham, Jimmy	Otago Volts
Craig, Mark	Otago Volts	Ronchi, Luke	Wellington Firebirds
Guptill, Martin	Auckland Aces	Santner, Mitchell	Northern Knights
Elliott, Grant	Wellington Firebirds	Southee, Tim	Northern Knights
Henry, Matt	Canterbury	Taylor, Ross	Central Stags
Latham, Tom	Canterbury	Wagner, Neil	Otago Volts
McClenaghan, Mitchell	Auckland Aces	Watling, BJ	Northern Knights
McCullum, Brendon	Otago Volts	Williamson, Kane	Northern Knights

WHITE FERNS

New Zealand Cricket named their list of ten players who will be contracted pursuant to the White Ferns MOU and are for the period from the 1st August 2014 through until 31st July 2015.

Bates, Suzie	Otago Sparks
Bermingham, Erin	Canterbury Magicians
Devine, Sophie	Wellington Blaze
McGlashan, Sara	Auckland Hearts
Nielsen, Morna	Otago Sparks
Perkins, Katie	Auckland Hearts
Peterson, Anna	Auckland Hearts
Priest, Rachel	Wellington Blaze
Satterthwaite, Amy	Canterbury Magicians
Tahuu, Lea	Canterbury Magicians

2015 Player Induction Forum

The 3rd player induction forum attracted 14 newly contracted players from all six Major Associations to a two day forum designed to enhance their understanding of the professional cricket environment they are now part of.

The induction initiative was established in 2013 and it continues to grow in relevance as the demands on players continues to increase. Entering the professional cricket environment is an exciting time for the new players and it comes at a time when the opportunities within the game are immense.

However, this is professional sport and as such, it is often an uneasy environment for

many players. Providing them with skills to cope, manage and plan their life in and around their cricket career is more important than ever and the Player Induction Forum is the first step on this path.

Topics discussed over the two day forum were;

- » Introduction to the NZCPA
- » Life as a professional cricketer *Insight from Kyle Mills and Peter Fulton*
- » Master Agreement and Player Contracts
- » Personal Development Programme *Insight from Nathan McCullum and Tim Weston*

- » Insurance / ACC
- » NZC High Performance Programme / Domestic Cricket Marketing
- » Managing Social Media *Presented by Ben Hurley*
- » Responsible Gambling *Presented by Mark Stafford*

Developing a connection with our members is critical to their understanding of the environment and that the CPA is their organisation, with the purpose of helping them to be successful inside and outside of the game. ■



Mover And Shaker - **Scott McHardy** by Margot Butcher



When the first 7.1 earthquake struck Canterbury in the spring of 2010, little did Scott McHardy suspect it would usher in 20 months of “probably the most difficult, stressful and rewarding period of my career.”

Cricketers of a certain age will remember leg-spinning batsman McHardy, whom Cricinfo likes to call David, played five seasons for Otago and Wellington in the 1990s. Off the field, he’s had quite the career since — and always had a Plan B. While he was lurking about at Carisbrook, he was also busy getting an arts degree with first class honours, and had flagged rugby in his last year at uni to nail his studies. He moved to Wellington in 1993 when Treasury snapped him up as one of the few non-economists/lawyers/accountants/finance grads accepted into their annual graduate programme.

Candidly he recounts that “I didn’t fully commit myself to the Wellington Cricket when I was starting out in Treasury for the

first few years — but as a young fella fresh out of Varsity, being able to do both felt pretty good at the time.”

Cricket was the passion he could never quite bear to shake. Even now — and you’ll see that he’s been a very busy man, it’s remained in his life as his social anchor and preferred pastime. When he was doing his MBA at the London School of Economics, he had a cracking time playing a little bit of cricket, as studies allowed, for The Wanderers and London New Zealand, with the likes of Aaron Gale, Stephen Mather, Mark Richardson, Hamish Marshall. “Any time a Kiwi cricketer was travelling through London, the bush telegraph would ring! We played some great old boys fixtures against Eton and Harrow in lovely parts of England, and while I was there I was fortunate to be nominated and accepted as a playing member of the MCC, which was a great thrill.”

Back home he’s just stepped down as president at his old club, Wellington Collegians, and is a mainstay in the notorious Wellington Wanderers. They play annually at The Willows, where he in fact captains the Willows XI against them. “But my record as captain is not flash, so I may get the boot from that position!”

Sitting around in a pub a couple of years ago, a group of his wandering mates decided a Test at Lord’s was on their bucket list “so we did that this year, when the BLACKCAPS were in England. My MCC connections came in handy for tickets, and Mike Sandle and David White were fantastic in securing us an invitation to the final training session at Lord’s. Then we played three games ourselves — getting pumped by the MCC in the process, but we did beat London New Zealand in our last game!”

Intelligent, passionate and organised, McHardy had all the mental essentials

for a long first-class career. So what so rudely interrupted it? His high-flying Treasury career spanned 1993 to 2007, in a series of stints that gave him a solid grounding in public policy. After they had sponsored him to London for the MBA, he worked for a strategy consultant in London for 18 months before coming home to Wellington in late 2002 to start working in the commercial arm of Treasury — looking after various State Owned Enterprises and things like the Government Super Fund, for another five years.

“When I left Treasury in 2007, I took a position with the Ministry of Economic Development [MED], and was posted to our High Commission in Canberra for an amazing three years. My role there was to help foster the development of a single economic market between Australia and New Zealand, to help our businesses and New Zealanders working in both environments.

“My wife and I had a fantastic time, we loved Canberra. As soon as we came back, I was seconded to the office of Gerry Brownlee as his private secretary — a public servant who is effectively the link between the Minister’s Office and the Department, helping them to understand each other. Gerry was the Minister of Economic Development. That was in May 2010, and in September, following the first Christchurch Earthquake, Gerry

was appointed as the Minister for Earthquake Recovery. After a cabinet meeting he looked around all of us and asked us how much we knew about Christchurch. Luckily I knew it well. My parents still live in Halswell and, when I was in Treasury, I used to look after the EQC. So that was the start of 20 months of incredibly long hours and hard work — but riveting.”

McHardy was a key part of the decision-making process, tasked with thinking through, at fast pace, challenges people were facing as the Christchurch was shaken again, with amplified tragedy. “Hopefully, when I look back on it in 20 years’ time and the legacy of the recovery, I’ll remember it as a deeply rewarding period in my career.”

An indefatigable public servant, for the last couple of years McHardy moved into managing a couple of policy and international strategy teams, first within the MED and then the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment. “So for example, my team was responsible for putting together a memorandum of understanding with the government of The Philippines, dealing with bilateral labour issues.” Recently that role ended as, at 44, he takes a rare breather and weighs up what he would like to do next.

He did tear himself away from the heady heights of New Zealand’s governance for

one brief, idyllic self-indulgence. Back in the day, Treasury granted him a six month leave of absence to play cricket for Gomersal, a little village in the west of Yorkshire. It was James Pamment’s club, Ronnie Hart had played there, and Tony Blain is back living there currently playing for the ‘twos’.

“We had six fantastic months winning trophies, and my wife and I put about 10,000 miles on ‘Ralph the Rover’ and drove him round the L’Arc de Triomphe.”

They have three children — son Ben was born in London, followed by two daughters. McHardy is a proud NZCPA member and would be a sitter for a future role within cricket, and as much as possible, like anyone ever hard bitten by the batting bug, is still trying to get out and have a hit.

“Looking back, cricket really helped me with goal setting,” McHardy reflects. “Setting a target and achieving it. The team environment was incredibly important to me — particularly, and I say this hand on heart, at club level. Moving cities, cricket was a great way to integrate into a new community, and develop new and enduring friendships. It’s been a joy in my life that will never change.” ■

Women's Big Bash



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The best female cricketers from around the world will descend on Australia this summer for the first ever season of the Women's Big Bash League. 59 matches will be played in 51 days over the summer holidays, of which eight of those matches, including the final on January 24, will be broadcast live and free on Network Ten's ONE.

This new competition creates an exciting new opportunity for women's cricket and there are already benefits for our members with a number of White Ferns picking up a contract to play the inaugural WBBL.

- » Suzie Bates
Perth Scorchers
- » Rachel Priest
Melbourne Renegades

- » Amy Satterthwaite
Hobart Hurricanes
- » Sophie Devine
Adelaide Strikers

- » Morna Nielsen
Melbourne Stars
- » Sara McGlashan
Sydney Sixers

TEAMS

The WBBL will feature eight clubs - aligned with the eight clubs in the men's KFC T20 Big Bash League (Adelaide Strikers, Brisbane Heat, Hobart Hurricanes, Melbourne Renegades, Melbourne Stars, Perth Scorchers, Sydney Sixers, Sydney Thunder).

FAST FACTS

- Total games:** 59
- First game:** Saturday December 5
- WBBL final:** Sunday January 24
- Quota for foreign players per team:** three
- CA's 'Women's Payment Fund' for wages:** \$2.26 million retainers between \$3000-\$10,000 ■

MVP Receives Overhaul

NZCPA's partnership with CricHQ takes a new direction this summer after CricHQ have developed a revolutionary new Most Valuable Player (MVP) product that will be integrated into their world leading digital technology platform.

The new CricHQ MVP formula has been developed from analysis of statistics from the full history of international cricket and over 100,000 matches across all levels of recreational cricket, and the input from CricHQ customers around the world. CricHQ MVP provides a more accurate assessment of which players contributed most within each match, competition or tournament.

CricHQ MVP will also have the benefit of working across most formats of cricket, and from the very start of the game the

MVP points are calculated live whilst the match is in play.

CricHQ CEO, Simon Baker said "we are really excited to have NZCPA on board to help us launch CricHQ MVP this summer and we are confident that our customers will find it easy to understand and more accurate than other previously available methods. CricHQ MVP is unique in that it has been created through research and objective mathematical principles. "

"CricHQ MVP makes things really easy for coaches, selectors, parents and players wishing to quickly assess player contribution."

The CricHQ MVP formula replaces the previous formula that was launched in New Zealand by the NZCPA after it was

developed in the UK by the Professional Cricketers Association. The original formula was developed with professional cricket in mind and although relevant as an assessment mechanism at that level, it is not easily transferred into multiple levels of the game.

"Cricket has changed a lot over the past few years and we were starting to think about a need for a more dynamic way of measuring player contributions following feedback from players on the existing MVP formula" said Commercial and Events Manager, Glen Sulzberger.

"CricHQ have been able to come up with a completely new approach that looks like an excellent measurement of performance from within each match that is played. ■

QSCC Support Hooked On Cricket



Courtesy of NZCPA

A function on 9th July commemorated the funding support from the Queen Street Cricket Club for the Hooked on Cricket programme again this year. Members from the QSCC mixed with NZCPA members in a relaxed social setting in Auckland. Jimmy Neesham, Mark Craig, Ish Sodhi and Corey Anderson provided an entertaining insight into the Blackcaps environment from matches and tours over the recent months.

Mark Craig has a special connection with the QSCC members as he was awarded

the inaugural Peter Hooten Scholarship a number of years ago. QSCC members take a great deal of pride in the fact that they played a small part in assisting Craig on his journey to becoming a Blackcap. It was fitting that Craig was able to attend the announcement of funding for Hooked on Cricket this year as it coincided with the announcement that QSCC are also going to establish a scholarship fund of \$5000 to assist Hooked on Cricket participants.

QSCC Chairman, Brian Moss presented a cheque for \$25,000 to NZCPA member,

Jimmy Neesham at the function.

An overriding enthusiasm for cricket, and in particular, Test cricket is what brings the QSCC members together. With a world famous tie (that club rules dictates must be worn if you are knowingly going to appear on TV) QSCC are all about celebrating our cricket teams, it's players and of course doing good for Charity along the way.

As an officially registered Charity, QSCC supports a number of worthy causes and in particular, cricket in New Zealand's low decile schools, through grants and donations - often for equipment or facilities.

As an insight to the eccentricity of QSCC is personified by their key fundraising initiative - a donation of \$5 for each Test duck scored during the year. Typically around \$100 per year, this tax deductible donation ebbs and flows from year to year - and has newly appointed honorary patrons, Danny Morrison, Chris Martin, and Michael Vaughan within the club.

Joining QSCC is easy and is a fun way to give back to the game, and we encourage all NZCPA members to join if they are able. QSCC host a number of fun activities and events - like the function in Auckland on 9th July - and is a great way link with other people with a love of the game.

Please visit www.qscc.org.nz for more information or to join. ■



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Preparing For Cricket's

Unexpected Journeys by Margot Butcher and Sanj Silva



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Three players tell how expanding their career options helped get them through the winter

The autumn leaves start turning, the wind gets brisker and that familiar question returns: what to do with myself now?

Normally it's a player's choice whether to lurch from one season to the next or utilise offseason downtime for personal and professional development but, when this year's T20 Champions League was in doubt, Wellington Firebird Steven Murdoch found himself unexpectedly pondering that question in May.

"To be honest, I hadn't planned on going into the workforce this winter. I was getting married and hopefully training full on for the Champions League. Suddenly I needed to find something to pay the bills, and keep me sane."

Fortunately Murdoch had work experience in the bank: having done commerce and science degrees at Vic straight out of school, he'd worked at Bank of New Zealand for several years before concentrating on being a professional cricketer for the last five, summers in the UK. So, after catching up with an old boss, he was able to slip into a short-term role

at a branch that also gave him flexibility to keep training.

But he's candid about it having been a band aid solution: "I'd worked in a few marketing roles and banking wasn't an area I had intended to get back into." Catching up with NZCPA Personal Development Manager Rachel Harris helped Murdoch crystallise some thoughts about a firmer future direction.

"We met up to talk about where I'm at as an individual with my career outside of cricket and it's really helpful having those conversations with someone who can ask the right questions. That's a useful tool in itself. We talked about career options in the finance industry and potential for study, which I will take up over this summer."

Earning her first WHITE FERNS contract after a strong tour of India was a big step forward for Anna Peterson, but finding income to "fill in the gaps" requires organisation and she's found it useful accessing the PDP programme to develop her options.

"I completed a diploma in marketing at the beginning of the year and done some online design work here and there, but I'm conscious that my CV is full of cricket coaching and cricketing things. The CPA helped me by hooking me up with a part-time role at Halls Refrigerated Transport this winter. Having experience in an office role then put me in a position to apply for a marketing role in a new Les Mills gym."

Peterson says she feels like she's stepped into a whole new world of opportunity compared to being an amateur player. "Of course I'd love to be a full-time player, we all would. But I'm enjoying expanding my brain a bit more and having these opportunities to develop professionally — I'm grateful for the chance to take these up."

And that's the key, says Stephen Murdoch. "It's up the individual to go out there and grab these opportunities themselves. The PDP is a door, but you're the one who has to walk through it. Even if you can put a 'cross' rather than a tick against a career option,

based on your own experience over winter, I think that's a success."

Peter Fulton's another who took a new journey in the 2015 offseason: few might have picked the accomplished Canterbury captain stomping about in work boots as a builder's labourer.

"I did three months working for a building company co-owned by Shanan Stewart, which he started when he retired from cricket. It was hands-on and a really interesting eye-opener into that industry, in particular into how many opportunities there are in the industry in Christchurch. Not to mention a gentle reminder that cricketers are very lucky to do what they do professionally!"

In other words, there were some "pretty fresh" mornings getting to frost-covered building sites just before winter's dawn and slinging on the tool belt to make the most of limited daylight. "But I really enjoyed it. It wasn't too dissimilar to the cricketing environment — working as a team, and having a good laugh and enjoying each other's company while you're doing it."

As the preseason drew near, Fulton headed back to cricket coaching and training — always the plan, but he'd also taken a chance to expand on those skills gained by coaching club rugby — Christchurch, division two — through the winter.

"That was something new and interesting for me. I'd played a lot of rugby when I was younger [he made the Canterbury Colts as

a fullback], but I had never really coached it. I enjoyed the challenge and seeing the guys playing for the pure enjoyment of it — and we won the competition."

For all that, at 35 Fulton's still not sure precisely where he would like to head, post-cricket. "I've come to the realisation that it's hard for me to know what I'm going to do until I finish cricket and get stuck into the reality of it. But, taking up other experiences when I can has made me feel reasonably comfortable that whatever I do decide to do when I finish playing cricket, I'll be able to give it a good crack."

In the meantime, there's the lure of a Plunket Shield three-peat, so don't talk to him about retirement just yet. ■

New Partners

We are delighted to welcome First NZ Capital and HiFX to our Premium Partner category.



About First NZ Capital

First NZ Capital offers our members access to a range of investment services, information and advice and will work closely within the Personal Development Programme to ensure our member's investment needs are being met.

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Brian Moss and Chris White will be the primary contact for our members.



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Managing Anxiety And Worry



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Everybody experiences feelings of worry and nervousness and that can lead to becoming anxious about certain events. This is normal. However, for some people worry and feeling anxious is chronic. It can become upsetting and overwhelming and lead to an inability to complete day to day activities.

Anxiety can affect any person, at any stage of their life. It is estimated that about 1 in 20 people experience significant anxiety at some point during their life. Cricketers are no different.

everyone gets anxious and there are number of ways to deal with it

The mental wellbeing services provided within the Personal Development Programme provide players with skills to help manage these issues. During September and October we coordinated a series of Anxiety and Worry workshops (for each major association squad) in conjunction with our specialist provider, Instep.

During these workshops players discussed the times when they have, or potentially will, experience generalised anxiety or worry. These range from cricket specific matters through to general day to day issues.

Instep CEO, Matt Beattie led each workshop and discussed a number of situations where anxiety related triggers might occur and to help players understand the reasons behind those feelings. Players completed a range of personal assessments to help them recognise potential situations that might lead to anxiety and worry and to help them to become more assertive and open in managing those situations.

what I learnt today made me feel normal-ish

The following situations were identified by the attendees as more common reasons of anxiety and worry among professional cricketers;

- » Uncertainty around selection and contracts
- » Injury
- » Family and relationships
- » Life after cricket
- » Performance
- » Financial management

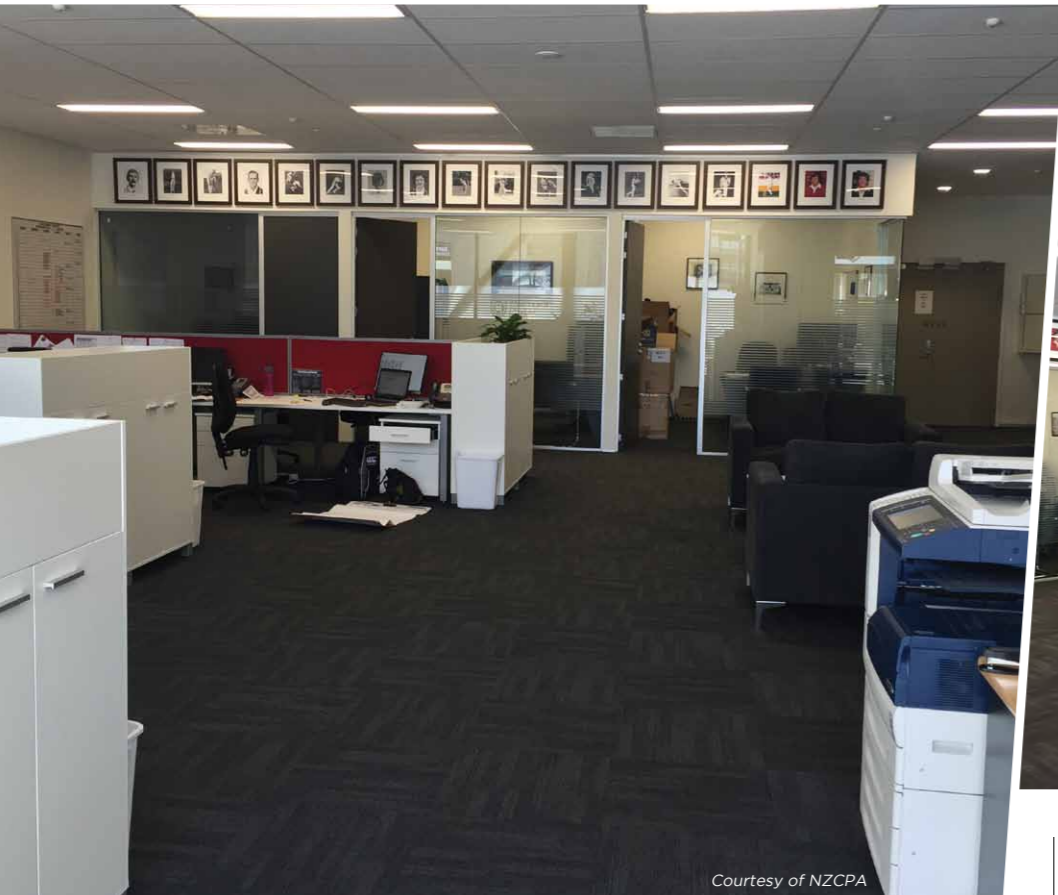
Feedback from players has been overwhelmingly positive. Many players have commented that this is the first time any time has been invested in educating players on this subject. Importantly it is something they would like more emphasis on in the future.

Some players commented;

"I got key techniques to help me deal with anxiety".

"This helped me learn more about myself and how I can handle certain situations".

Overwhelmingly, players appreciated that all the topics covered were relevant to cricket as well as their day to day activities around family, employment and relationships, with one player stating "a whole day should be dedicated so that more can be gained". ■



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September marked a milestone in the evolution of the NZCPA and the ongoing expansion of the Personal Development Programme. Rachel Harris was appointed to the newly established role 12 months ago and since this time has done a wonderful job managing her working day from home, in cafés, pavilions and often from her car - which was more like a mobile office at times.

The search for a suitable space has taken a long time, but we are all delighted to have secured space within Canterbury Cricket's new office in Addington. The benefits are going to be tremendous for our members, as Rachel will now have somewhere to meet players, service providers and other contacts of the programme. Not only will Canterbury based members benefit from the new office, but equally it will help to

provide a better service to all members, in particular those from the rest of the South Island and Wellington due to the increased efficiency the office will provide.

We are grateful to the support of Canterbury Cricket in this new initiative and trust that it will enhance the overall service we are able to provide to our members.

The NZCPA Christchurch office is located at - 14 Hazeldean Road, Addington. ■

Upcoming Events

MASTERS WEEKEND

All members are invited to attend the Masters Weekend in Queenstown where Auckland will aim to retain their Masters Tournament title.

Date: Friday 1st April - Sunday 3rd April
Venue: Queenstown

PLAYERS' GOLF DAY

Date: 26 February 2016
Venue: Pakuranga Golf Club

NATIONAL PLAYER CONFERENCE

Date: April 2016 (TBC)
Venue: Auckland

NZCPA LEGENDS

Following feedback from our members and stakeholders we have recently renamed the Masters team, which will now be referred to as the Legends'. The Legends' playing programme will be limited this summer but will feature the annual match against NZ

Croatia in March 2016.

WHITE FERNS PAST PLAYER EVENT

Date: 28th February
Venue: Basin Reserve
(during White Ferns match)

PAST PLAYER EVENTS

Christchurch Past Player event
Date: 6th December
Venue: Hagley Oval
(combined event with Canterbury Cricket)

HAMILTON PAST PLAYER EVENT

Date: 20th December
Venue: Seddon Park
(combined event with ND Cricket)

The Insider 1980s Treasure by Paul Ford

I was recently asked about the strife and dissension that erupted in the New Zealand cricket team of the 1980s, specifically the 'Henry Kissinger' episode in which John Wright was the go-between for captain Jeremy Coney and pre-eminent paceman Sir Richard Hadlee.

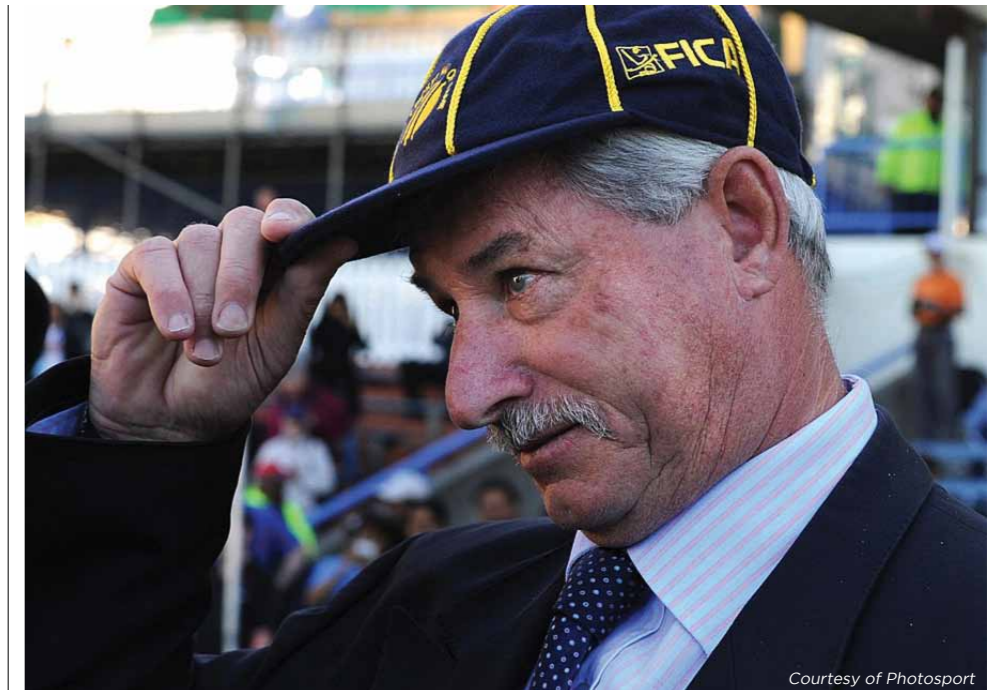
So I got digging into my trough of 1980s cricketers' autobiographies. In the wood panel room at Beige Brigade headquarters, there is a treasure trove of literary brilliance and not-so-brilliant in the memories, myths and moans that comprise these books.

I love them - here are my faves based purely on the ones I've had my bed and read over the years:

Lance Cairns, *Give it a Heave* (1984)
Makes the list on the title alone - and the sheer dress sense of the man. The cover should be on a beer can.

Richard Hadlee & Richard Becht, *Rhythm and Swing* (1989)
This book provides a genuine insight into what made our greatest moustachioed cricketer tick. The answer? Statistics. Sample quote on that day at the Woolloongabba: "It was the fourth-best analysis in a Test innings; outside Jim Laker's 10 for 53, the figures were the best at Test level this century. I became only the 10th player to take nine wickets in a Test innings and the return was the best in 232 Tests played in Australia." Twenty-six years later it is still the sixth best bowling performance in a test innings of all-time.

Ken Rutherford & Chris Mirams, *A Hell of a Way to Make a Living* (1995)
A brutally honest account of Rudders' era, including terrifying descriptions of his introduction to international cricket in the Windies. It also includes a mighty yarn about plundering 317 at Scarborough with a hangover: "It's difficult to recall a lot of the detail from the innings. Once I got to around 150 I set my sights on beating my brother Ian's highest first class score of 222. Once I achieved that I was so far into Wonderland and I just went for everything..."



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Martin Crowe, *Out on a Limb* (1995)
Whether you agree or disagree with his theories, the man is a terrific thinker on the game. And there is no ghost writer at the other end of this compelling autobiography. Writer Harry Ricketts summed it up nicely: "The title, in addition to its punning allusion to his troublesome knee, is an accurate indicator of how Crowe sees himself and how he would like the public to see him: the daring loner who has been prepared to go his own way at the risk of being marginalised."

John Wright & Paul Thomas, *Christmas in Rarotonga* (1990)
A cracking account of the life of an international cricketer who was often beneath the radar as a player. Famously dedicated this tome to his "often in the way" thigh pad - and starts the way it continues: "I've never actually spent a Christmas in Rarotonga but there was a time when it seemed like a good idea. It was during our tour of India in late 1988..." A self-effacing gem of a book, brilliantly penned by Wright's memory and Paul Thomas's effervescent penmanship



("believed to have been the only cricketer ever struck on the head by a bouncer from Martin Snedden" he confesses).

Bruce Edgar, *An Opener's Tale* (1987)
One of the greatest additions to the Beige Brigade cricket book archive, this is a tongue-in-cheek, ego-free, photo-laden publication. Seventy-five pages of anecdotes and brilliance including a bristling Jeff Thomson growling down-pitch at Boots: "Edgar, you'll never die of a stroke."

Jeremy Coney, *The Playing Mantis* (1986)
Hands down the best cricketing book I have ever read. The Mantis vs Penis section is unforgettable - and bonus points because the human slip cordon wrote this book himself. That English Lit degree came in handy.

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